like that. But the moment he calls the question, it must be taken that the question has been put.

The Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.

PRESIDENT.

Well then, we come to the last stage in the passing of the Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed at this meeting.

Mr.T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Sir, I second it.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

May I know whether it is open to us to oppose a part of the Bill now, Sir?

PRESIDENT.

This is not the time to do so. You may either oppose or support the passing of the Bill. That is all. You cannot move any amendment.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I want to know whether it is open to us to propose the deletion of a section.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

That is an amendment to the Bill.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

So it is only open to us to throw out the Bill.

The question that the Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill be passed was put to votes and carried.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon's Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON.

Sir, I beg to propose that the Bill to amend the Municipal Regulation be now taken up and passed.

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR.

Sir, I second it.

The motion that the Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be passed was put and carried.

Amendments to Standing Orders.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Sir, I had sent in certain amendments. They are not seen in the agenda. I do not know whether they have been disallowed or allowed.

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PRESIDENT.

They are being considered.

The next item is the amendment to Standing Order No. 65 proposed by Mr. K. T. Mathew.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

A point of order, Sir. Under S. O. 65, when a motion is reached, the President shall read the draft amendment and ask whether the member has the leave of the Council. That procedure has to be adopted.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

But the motion must be made.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

No. It should be reached. That is all.

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

When you say that leave is to be asked when a motion is "made" and not "reached", how can we understand the motion?

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Without hearing some explanation on the subject, it is rather cruel to put it to the House.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

For carrying the amendment, the explanation of the amendment is not required.

Mr. C. A KUNJUNNI RAJA.

It is only leave to amend that is given.

PRESIDENT.

Never mind. I will explain. When the President reads the amendment, can you not know for what the amendment is intended?

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

The members will not be able to understand with what object the amendment is put.

PRESIDENT.

This is only the initial stage. After reference to the Select Committee, if you are not satisfied, you may throw it out.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Suppose it is thrown out at the initial stage?

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

Why should we not be allowed an opportunity to discuss it? Why should we lose our privilege?

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PRESIDENT.

Members should understand what the amendment is, and that purpose is served by the President reading the amendment so that, if you are willing, it may be allowed, and if it is so absurd that it could not be allowed, it may be thrown out. But if there is something in it to be discussed and considered, I think it is only fair that a member should be given leave. After careful consideration, if the motion cannot be allowed, you may vote against it.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The rule is so clear that it requires no discussion.

PRESIDENT.

Is there any rule which requires not to be discussed however clear it may be? The draft amendment to S. O. 65 proposed by Mr. K. T. Mathew runs thus.—

"*When the motion is reached, the President shall read the draft amendment, and ask whether the member has the leave of the Council. If objection is taken, the President shall request those members who support the motion to rise in their places, and if not less than* fifteen *members rise accoraingly, the President shall intimate that the member has the leave of the Council.*"

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

I rise to oppose and take objection to the amendment. Only if objection is taken, the President has to request the members who support the motion to rise up in their places. If there is no objection, then he need not take the leave of the House.

PRESIDENT.

So you are objecting to it. The question before the House is whether the member has the leave of the Council to bring the motion. Those who are in favour of the motion will please rise in their places. I see that only 18 members have risen. The amendment is lost.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

A poll, Sir.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH.

Only in the case of a division is there a poll. Now, there is no division.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sir, I withdraw the second amendment.

The amendment of Mr. Mathew *to add the words "the following day" in S. O. 55,* was withdrawn with leave.

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